

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Leslie Lobel and Joyce Lustbader
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For : EXPRESSION OF PROPERLY FOLDED AND SOLUBLE
EXTRACELLULAR DOMAIN OF A GONADOTROPIN RECEPTOR

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SIR:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 3, 5-6, 8-15, 17, 19-23, 27-31, 43 and 48-49 without prejudice or disclaimer to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a later-filed application. Please also amend claims 4, 7, 16 and 26 under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c) as follows. A marked up version of the amended claims wherein the deleted material is in brackets and the inserted material is underlined is attached hereto as Exhibit

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4. (Amended) The nucleic acid of any one of claims 1-2, wherein the gonadotropin receptor is a human luteinizing hormone/choriogonadotropin receptor and